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Fossil Run Committee meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 13 April JULUI WWZ, ___

Sustaining Members

Troy Davis family

Concho Clink

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Most riders have been there.

Another vehicle with far more wheels than your own fine little machine attempts to disprove science by trying to

occupy the lane that you are currently rolling down.

Or a car turns directly in front of you as you are motoring down the road.

And the first words out of their mouths always seems to be, "I didn't



Sign too big for small deck lid.

see you."

It's not magic and we aren't invis-

FOR MOTORCYCLES

CHECK TWICE

Other road users just aren't taking the time to make sure the way is clear before making a move.

How to remind them that we are on the roadways as well? (Not all of us wish to mount diesel locomotive air horns on our bikes.)

As it happens, our wonderful state products director, councilman Dave Meeker, has signs for mounting in yards or on any cage-type vehicles that you reluctantly use when you can't

The vehicle signs come in vinyl with a peel-off paper backing for permanent mounting. (Or hair removal if yer back is gettin' a bit too bushy.) There is a

magnetic version as well so that it can be moved around on yer cage or transferred between vehicles.

If the signs won't fit on smaller vehicles, they may be easily cut to fit.

Raise some awareness.



Split sign fits onto available area.

Sounds of Silence . . . Or Not

Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)wants to impose minimum sound levels for electric motorcycles.



Does anyone else find this situation ironic?

For years municipalities have attempted to limit how much sound motorcycles may produce.

Now we have a federal agency telling us that some motorcycles are too quiet and that they pose a danger to

Cryp

Apparently the National Highway pedestrians, especially vision-impaired

We, the vast staff of the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state newspaper wish to offer a solution that is known to any bicycling kid who's father gambles and mother hangs out laundry:

The advantage of this system over anything N.H.T.S.A. might require is that it doesn't significantly increase weight or cost and it won't reduce range. The sound level is adjustable, depending on how many cards one mounts to one's wheels. (It helps to have spoked wheels rather than mags.)

An alternative is to fit electric motorcycle seats with whoopee cushions. Riders would merely rise up on their pegs a bit, then sit back down to create a sound that is guaranteed to make pedestrians steer clear. And it would be great isometric conditioning for the legs.

The biggest April fool is the bureaucratic one.

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.

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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

What We're About

A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A. T.E. stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- A.B.A. T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as BikePAC.
- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, onroad or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.
- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A. T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just that wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

So scan through our newspaper. If you like what you read, check out the chapter meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A. T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

by Bill Bish (A.B.A. T.E. of California; executive coordinator, National Coalition of Motorcyclists)

"You have to know where you've been to know where you're going!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym, the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. (A.B.A. T.E.)

Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart Mckinney, to introduce HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong from A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the D.O.T. because governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet requirement mandate, Roloff helped convince California senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit, and was signed by president Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached congress twice over the past few years.

First to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

So, there you have it.

The roots of A.B.A. T.E. and biker's rights run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of freedom of the road.

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BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter)

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the Confederation of Clubs, a legal rights organization.

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AGAINST

In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

T

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State Coordinator

April is upon us and that means so is riding season. We are already underway with our events as we have already had S.T.E.A.M. in February and our swap meet in March, but *Fossil* is right around the corner.

Chapter events are also starting to rev up as well and I am looking forward to attending as many as I can.

That's the really great part about my job, meeting all the different people around our state. We come from all walks of life and ride every kind of motorcycle out there. Yet we all have the same passion for riding. We look forward to this time of year when we can throw a leg over our machines and head on down the road. And if you are anything like me, half the time it doesn't matter where we are going because its not always the destination that matters but the journey itself.

Every time I meet new people, whether they are members or not, it always amazes me that we all have the ability to keep a positive outlook when it comes to riding. We always seem to find the silver lining even on the gloomiest days as long as we are riding. It is always at one of these moments when I am feeling part of the bigger picture, part of the brotherhood (and sisterhood) that is our motorcycle family, that I

always start to wonder, "Why is it that it is so hard to recruit other riders to our family? Why is it so difficult to get people involved in our cause? Why is it beyond our grasp to get other riders with the same passion about riding to care what is going on around us?"

I believe it is fear of the unknown.

I think we have convinced ourselves that everyone else thinks that we are a bunch of partiers who hate helmets and that if we try to talk to them, we will get the cold shoulder. And we hate rejection.

I believe that a lot of us have banged our heads against the wall for so long that we fear that there is nothing else we can do.

We as riders and freedom fighters have to dig deep and overcome the fear of rejection, stand up and make the first move.

We need to be proud of who we are and what we, as an organization, stand for

Yes, we want the right to choose whether or not we wear something on our heads, but we also want the same thing *every* rider wants and that is to ride, then come home safe.

We want to know that if somebody does something stupid and hurts us, that they cannot say " i didn't see the motorcycle " and get away with it anymore

We want the right to work on our rides and not have to pay the ridiculous price of taking it back to the dealer for maintenance.

We want to know that if we get injured, our insurance companies can't say we aren't covered because we were doing a recreational activity.

And we want the right to go to an establishment and not be denied access or service simply because of what we ride or wear.

These are the things that will get people interested in what we do, these are the things that will get people motivated to get involved.

But it won't happen by itself.

It will take work on all of our parts to get this message out. It will take all of us to focus on becoming spokesmen and women for our organization and talk to people. They cannot become aware of what is going on and get involved if they don't have the facts. And we are the ones who must bring it to them. They will not look for answers if they don't know the questions to ask.

It is our responsibility to become educators because the only way we are going to achieve our goal is by educating everyone on the roads.

Our goal is to make sure everyone gets back home safe.



Allan Nichols

state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

I want to put a challenge out for every member to make it a personal goal to find two people who do not know what *A.B.A. T.E.* is about. Sit down and have a coke or coffee with them and discuss what we are truly about. If you don't feel comfortable talking to people, find a friend who is. We all know someone who loves to talk. Besides, its a great way to meet new people and maybe new riding friends. They may surprise you and come to a meeting. From there it can only get better.

See you on the road.

Ride free ride safe and ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

- state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
- Oregon representative Motorcycle Riders Foundation

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Central Oregon

Greetings from Central Oregon,

While the mornings here are still a little cold, we have had some warm afternoons and I have been seeing many bikes out on the roads. There is still a lot of gravel out there from the winter and they are still using deicer on the roads, so be careful riding.

We have plans going on our runs and hope you can join us for them.

Our *Rocks, Lakes and Bridges Run* will be June 15. It is a scenic 134 mile route through the beautiful central Oregon countryside.

Our group ride *Teddy Bear Run* will be on September 22. We deliver teddy bears to the four local hospitals for them to distribute throughout the year. Last year we had about 150 bikes and delivered 1,800 teddy bears. We have a great after-run get together. Last year we raffled off over

\$1,000 worth of prizes.

We are adding a new run at the end of July or beginning of August up to the high Cascade lakes. This will also be a beautiful ride.

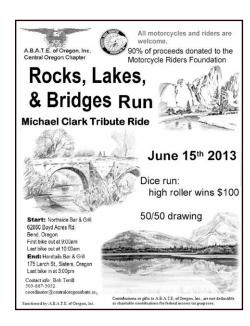
We hope you choose to join us at one or all of our runs.

When you are out riding, keep an *A.B.A.T.E.* tri-fold or two in your jacket pocket or saddlebag. When you meet another rider at a rest break, see if they know what we are about. We all need to be working to increase our membership and inform the other riders out there about all the good work we do.

Hope to see you on the road,

Bob Terrill chapter coordinator





CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) Izzy's Pizza 810 SW 11th street Redmond, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Douglas County

What an awesome turnout at the last meeting. We actually had 43 members and one guest in the house. That is amazing for the second meeting of the year, as well as an increase in attendance from last month. Things are still a little rocky from the transformation, but it will get greater later.

As we all know we have a few new members as well as officers and I thought that this would be a great time to provide an updated and current photo of the *Douglas County Chapter*, so look for it soon.

First off, *Douglas County A.B.A. T.E.* was informed of the new name of the helmet bill as house bill 2404. And we want to thank our lobbyist, Paula for her diligence and hard work putting in the time to get HB–2404 put on the agenda.

The chapter has a lot of things in store, starting off with the possibility of a change of venue for those who didn't attend the last meeting and for



others interested in joining us for a monthly chapter meeting. We were at *Elmer's* in Roseburg on March 21st on a trial basis. We hope we saw you there.

Douglas County A.B.A.T.E. is also having our first raffle of the year of a replica of the Snap-On O.C.C. chopper. It will be raffled off at the Thundering Waters Run on July 28th. Tickets will be on sale for \$5 each or five for \$20 with a maximum of a 1,000 tickets sold.

We began selling them from our booth at the *Roseburg Benefit Car Show* on March 9th and 10th at the Douglas county fairgrounds in Roseburg, Oregon.

See any *Douglas County Chapter* officer to purchase tickets. They will go fast!

On another note, the weather has been somewhat dry but cold for the most part, which has brought a lot more bikers out. Not to mention spring is approaching, as well as our scheduled biker nights.

We need to put into action what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about: promoting and modeling motorcycle safety.

Rubber down until next time,

Tashia Crippen secretary Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) Elmer's Restaurant 1440 NW Mulholland drive Roseburg (541)–673–0021

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A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek** (members at large)



Anyone in Indian Creek is invited to write and send in reports.



Indian Creek MEETING TIME and PLACE

(when and wherever)

<u>POINT of CONTACT</u>

(state newspaper)

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Anywhere in Oregon (and beyond)

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City

One of *Hub City*'s newest members here.

Hub City is starting to get very busy with legislative issues. Be sure to watch the web site for call-to-actions and updates on what's going on in the legislature.

Also planned are some fun things to raise money for our causes,

A biker night is coming up on April 6th at *Riley's* and then our annual poker run on June 1st, so mark your calendars. And don't forget about *Fossil* on Memorial weekend.

There I was, finally, wheels up on the freedom bird departing Kabul, Afghanistan after completing six consecutive years as a senior advisor for the U.S. military. Considering myself very fortunate that I have my brain and body still intact. (Not an easy task considering the difficult operating environment.)

As the aircraft departed Afghan airspace, my mind starts to wander towards consuming my first very stiff drink! (After eight months of self-imposed sobriety, thanks to the U.S. military directive of no alcohol consumption.) I was in dire need of a beer. What will the next adventure hold for me?

Wheels down at Dubai, U.A.E. international airport where I can finally

reward myself with several drinks, contemplating what is in store for me and my family.

Now that I have retired from the U.S. Army after twenty-two years of service, I'm completing six years as a contractor. Clearly at a cross roads of life, which is not a bad place to be, all things considering. My wife and daughter will no doubt want me to stay home and find local employment.

After several months of brewing homemade beer, I start to become restless and decided to buy myself a job.

My wife and I purchased the *Meet-N-Place Tavern* in Philomath, Oregon. It been a great experience and we have meet a lot of great folks, including several bikers. (Imagine that.)

One of our patrons is Scotty Nason, a *Hub City* member. Scotty and I have been working on convincing my wife ever since we bought the bar that it would be in my wife's best interest to allow me to purchase a *Harley*. After several months of non-stop badgering, my wife finally relented and I quickly purchased a *Street Glide*.

Now I was ready to attend my first *A.B.A.T.E* meeting with Scotty. (It just wasn't right attending a meeting without owning a bike!) I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and won the 50/50



raffle. I quickly joined *Hub City Chapter* after the meeting with Amy's help.

The following week I successfully completed the *Team Oregon* basic motorcycle training course which was an awesome experience. I can't wait to ride and look forward to meeting the members of the *A.B.A.T.E*, *Hub City Chapter*.

Drop by the tavern for a cold one as Missy and I would love to meet ya.

As spring is upon us, I can't wait to see all the bikers coming through Philomath, headed towards the coast, knowing that I will be a part of the ride.

Chris

[c.o.e. note: Thank you for your service to our country, Chris.]

Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Jackson County

Is it spring yet?

We're still waiting on it here in southern Oregon. We've had rain, cold, cold nights, and some snow.

We had a good February meeting, discussing *S.T.E.A.M.* with guests from *Josephine County Chapter*. They shared their ideas for the event. This is a very important function for all members.

Plans are in high gear for our April swap meet to be held the last week end of April. If you need parts or pieces for your ride, this is the event to attend. Food, music, and vendors will all be there.

Jackson County A.B.A.T.E. will be contributing candy to the Freebirds Easter Basket Run to help fill their baskets for children.

Team Oregon is coming to southern Oregon for a *U.B.S.O.* meeting at Rogue River *V.F.W.* The date is April 9 at 7 p.m. This will a very

informative meeting for any and all motorcycle people.

Some *Jackson County* members have been participating in flag lines with the *Old Guard Riders* to honor veterans as they are laid to rest.

We had a great get together for our pizza night. Plans are being made now for a "dueling" bowling night with *Josephine County Chapter*. Everyone better watch out!

What will August be without *Beaver Creek Run*?

Last year was the 30th campout and we hear the last one. Hundreds of families, groups, and. clubs have attended and enjoyed this run over the years. We've enjoyed old friends and made new friends. We will miss this get together, but we all know how much time, work, and people it takes to put on any event. Thanks to *Lincoln County A.B.A. T.E.* for all the



good times at the Beaver Creek Run.

Blue skies are on the way. Ride safe,

Judi membership secretary *Jackson County* Chapter





Jackson County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)

American Legion (downtown)

Jackson & Front streets

Medford, Oregon
(541)—

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Josephine County

I hope everyone else has had the same nice riding as we have had in southern Oregon. It's been good to get out again. April showers and all that good stuff. We will probably see a little more rain before summer, but that's okay as long as summer gets here soon.

Looking forward to going up to the Portland area for the spring swap meet. Hope to see you all up there.

April 27–28 is the *Southern Oregon* Swap and Bike Show at Touvelle Lodge. Would sure like to see a bunch of you from up north coming down our way. We have a pretty good turn out and always lots of good vendors with lots of great deals.

Two day event. \$5 per day or twoday pass for \$8. Kids under 12 are always free. No dogs, please. Vendor spaces still available.

Then the following Saturday, May 4th, will be Motorcycle Awareness Day with rallies both in Salem on the steps of the capitol and in

Josephine county on the steps of the courthouse, noon to 2 p.m. There will be speakers and information booths.

August will be a double header with our Run to the Coast August 3rd and the S.O.S. Campout August 17-18. We hope to have flyers before next month's newspaper.

Our chapter meetings are always third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Potlucks every March, June, September, and December starting at 6 p.m. before the meeting.

See you down the road. Ride safe,

Karen Josephine County Chapter







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Josephine County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Wednesdays at 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive **Grants Pass**

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Lower Columbia

Greetings from Lower Columbia,

Spring is about here, the weather is getting a lot better, and I have been hearing thunder along the highways of the coast range. We have plenty of good riding, not only in the foothills but also along the lower Columbia on both sides of the river.

Our annual crab dinner is behind us. We didn't make a lot of money, but we didn't go in the hole either. The Bighorn gun safe that we raffled off was a great success.

We are looking forward to LoCo's spring run. It will be on June 1st this year. Hope you can make it. We will be ending up in Seaside, as always, in a roundabout way. For information about the run, you can call Phil at (503)-739-0647. If you need info about accommodations in Seaside you can call Laura at (360)-560-9988. We hope you can come along for the fun of it. (Flyer should be in center of paper.)

After our spring run, the 4th of

July is just around the corner and that brings on the Clatskanie weeklong celebration, Heritage Days. Last year we got a booth in the city park and sold burgers on two different occasions during the celebration: one during the car show, which is always a lot of fun, and also on the 4th of July after the parade and during the logging show. We made a few bucks and had a lot of fun.

We'd like to see you come down on the lower Columbia this year and enjoy the festivities.

See you at the swap meet at the Columbia fair grounds,

Dave Bridges coordinator Lower Columbia Chapter





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Lower Columbia **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30)

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County





Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm) *American Legion Hall*, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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P.O. Box 372 South Beach, OR 97366

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast

Greetings from the North Coast,

On Saturday, March 9th, our chapter had an informational booth once again at the 21st Annual Lower Columbia Classics Car Club Swap Meet at the county fairgrounds. Many folks stopped by our booth, chatted with us, and picked up a variety of flyers and information that we had on our tables. We were well received by all. We had three bikes on display, which brought interest to our area. (Including a bowl of candy to help lure folks in.) It was a good day and a "beautiful thing" to quote one of our members. Thanks to the many chapter members who helped to support this event. It was yet another way to get the word out about the organization and what we do in the area year 'round.

Our *Third Annual Spring Fever Run* is coming up on April 27th. This is a family-friendly run. Kids are more than welcome to ride with their parents, grandparents, or friends. One of our stops is at the *Tillamook Cheese Factory*. Consider the sight of bikers in leather wandering through the facility eating squeaky cheese and enjoying the fine ice

cream served up by *Tillamook Cheese*. Consider joining us this year.

The run begins at the *Buoy 9 Inn* in Hammond, Oregon. Sign-up at 9 a.m., kickstands up at 10. It's a scenic ride down the coast.

Run ends at *Dundee's Bar & Grill* in Seaside. And yes, children are welcome at *Dundee's* as well. Hope you can make it. Please see the run flyer in this publication for more information.

Our good friends across the Columbia river, the *Pacific County Chapter* of *Washington A.B.A.T.E.* will host its annual *Pigout Charity Run* on Saturday, April 20th. The run starts at the *Chinook Inn* in Chinook, Washington. Sign up between 9 and 10 a.m., with the run leaving at 10 a.m. \$10 per person which includes a BBQ at the end of the run at the *Chinook Inn*. For more information, contact Lenny (360)–484–7226 or Bear (360)–465–2791. Hope to see you there!

A reminder about the upcoming *May MOTORCYCLE Awareness Rally* on the steps of the state capitol in Salem on Saturday May 4th. Our chapter will (as



always) have a group of riders head down to take part in this important event. Don't miss it, folks. The more bikers at the capitol provides more influence for our goals in the current legislative session. You can make a difference. Please see the flyer in this publication for more information.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

And above all please be safe out there,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator



A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)

Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- River City

February 19, 2013

We had a fun meeting with two We visiting state officers and eleven of a bit. our members.

Brian gave a long board of directors report and a detailed legislative report.

We are getting ready for our poker run in April and did some of that business.

It is warming up out there, so come on out for a Sunday ride. We meet at the *Portage* parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and decide where to go.

March 05, 2013

We talked about *S.T.E.A.M.* quite a bit.

We also had some discussion about our poker run, since the chamber of commerce has set the parade time for an hour earlier. We will make adjustments.

Today's predicted rain began during our meeting. (After all, it is almost spring!)

Check you tires and renew as needed. Remember, the rubber is the last thing between you and the road.



Upcoming meetings

April 02, 2013

April 14, 2013

River City <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u>

 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.) Shiloh Inn The Dalles

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Southeast Portland

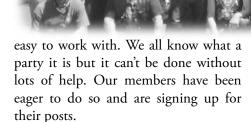
Hello again,

Our meetings at the $M \not c$ M have included gearing up for the canned food drive to *City Team Ministries* on March 16th. Its such a great event that helps those who are trying to help themselves Craig does such a great job passing the hat at our meetings, organizing the load up and delivery of the food, making sure the ride is a success for us and recipients.

This is followed by our chapter anniversary party at the $M \not \subset M$ Lounge starting at 8 p.m. It's also lots of fun with great music and prizes. The Saturday Night Orphans will be playing this year and they are always a crowd pleaser. The $M \not \subset M$ has always been very hospitable to us. It would be great to see you all there!

The All Motorcycle Swap Meet at the Columbia County Fairgrounds is sneaking up on us too. It's in easy reach from Portland, so I expect to see a lot of familiar faces if I can make it out there on March 23 or 24. The fairgrounds in St. Helens have a pretty nice round building for events and it should work just fine for our new diggs. Thanks to Randy for finding us a alternative site under pressure. I hope everyone finds what they are looking for and gets rid of what they don't need.

Run 21 is shaping up and Richard has been working hard on all the details. It's a big job and we are glad he took it on this year. The new site in Tygh valley sounds real nice and the owner has been



Our annual toy run has a new chairperson. Vicki has decided to answer Mike's call for a change of hands. Mike will still be very involved and is by no means stepping away for this great run. All the positions have been filled and the bike has been purchased. *Fred Meyer* really has been a good fit for a starting point, so we hope that can continue in the coming years.

I met some great folks down at *S.T.E.A.M.* Being my first time, I didn't really know what to expect. I was so pleased that it was a warm and inviting environment to learn in. Geoff found a nice place with plenty of room for separate classes. He sure is fun too. I learned so much and been applying a lot of it already.

S.T.E.A.M. really does get the fire in the belly for action.

I attended the treasury class with Vicki

just to see what it's all about and got an peek into what that entails. I really have to hand it to Vicki for all her work for our chapter.

The recording secretary class was so helpful and Nic added (what I now know as) his usual humor. Thanks so much for the helpful hints and printout, Nic.

It was also great to meet our crusty ol' editor and see Howie again.

What a fun, hard working group we have here.

I inadvertently missed the legislative breakout session class which I really regretted. I was so blessed to have been eating my lunch in close proximity to Don Mason, the leader of this class. Wow, he is great. He even fired up his computer and gave me the *Readers' Digest* version of the whole presentation. (And he thought he was only giving two sessions.) Thanks so much, Don. I still have the printout so that I can refer to it when I get lost in the government

I hope more of you can make it next

year. It's important, educational, and fun.

Anyway, guess I should not have been worried about what to write this month.

Peace to you all and stay safe,

Susan

Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon) *M&M Restaurant & Lounge* 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

-- Salem

We had the regular attendees plus Paula, our *BikePAC* representative.

Our main discussion was the news of our "helmet choice bill" being dead in the water because of our governor's [personal] opinion.

We decided it was absolutely wrong for one person to run this entire state, as it was never set up to be this way.

So we plan to still contact all the "business people" wherever we go and ask them to support this house bill, and to send a personal letter to their senator and their representative, dead bill or not!

We will be asking everyone we meet.

We all would be like Canada if our forefathers thought the same as most people in Oregon. [c.o.e.: Huh?]

Our swap meet went well, and a profit was made. Finally was able to give the state *A.B.A. T.E.* some cash.

Later,

Lynn coordinator Salem Chapter



Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.) *Hitching Post* 8046 River road NE, Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Washington County

Hello everyone,

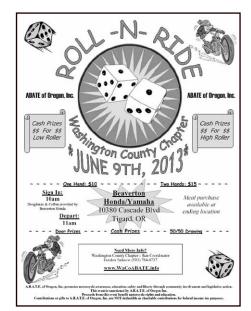
Try as I might to have our chapter coordinator continue writing the newsletterPAPER(!) articles (because he does such a great job), he decided to delegate the job to me as the new secretary of our chapter.I will begin by writing to promote Washington County Chapter's Biker Night at Coyote's anniversary party. It should be a night full of fun with good friends, good food, live music, and dancing. There will be a live auction with some great items made by some of our members and a silent auction of themed baskets donated by and put together by our members. We have balloon pop items as well.

So, mark your calendars for April 6,2013 at 7 p.m. at *Coyote's*, 5301 west Baseline road in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Admission is free and it is open to all. Hope to see you there!

Denise Darneille secretary Washington County





Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) Coyote's Restaurant 5301 W. Baseline – Hillsboro

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Our Officers at Work

A.B.A. T.E. State Board Minutes

09 March 2013

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon



{EB} = executive board member

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:05 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present are eligible to vote.

Absent chapters: Douglas County (excused) and Lower Columbia (excused)

Guest or first time attendee: Bruce Mazell of Salem Chapter and guest Steve Riverside.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Paul Hering (Washington County Chapter) to adopt minutes as printed in March state newspaper. Motion was seconded and carried.

Coordinator's comments {EB}:

Allan Nichols thanked everyone for coming today.

As S. T.E.A.M. is now over, there was no S. T.E.A.M. committee meet-

There was a *Fossil* committee meeting.

Since no one showed up for the membership committee, Alan will call chapter coordinators and chapter membership secretaries to get a consensus of chapter views on the tabled motion regarding a new group membership category. Anyone interested in serving on a membership committee, e-mail Alan.

Secretary report, correspondence {EB}: One Eyed Bob Nichols excused due to illness. In his absence, Karen

Tolle agreed to take minutes today.

No correspondence to report. There is a sign up sheet on the table for any changes to the e-mail list of names currently receiving copies of the board of directors minutes. (Either add or remove.)

* * * Officers' Reports * * * Vice-coordinator (north) {EB}:

Al Simms (Excused)

Vice-coordinator (south) {EB}: Karen Tolle (No report)

Acting vice-coordinator (east) {EB}: Robert Terrill reported that as a follow up to last month's report about the Redmond city police, they are not watching only motorcycle riders, but they are very carefully watching all vehicles for every slight infraction. Just be careful if you are driving or riding in the area of Redmond.

Allan pointed out that currently there is state-wide enforcement attention to all vehicles in mountain road areas for failure to hold your lane. Watch your speed and stay in your lane, especially going around

Treasurer {EB}: Kay Sipple once again reminded all treasurers to get their reports in as soon as possible once the bank statements are received. Kay passed around a copy of a bank statement (with bank letterhead on the top) to show everyone what a bank statement looks like. She must have every chapter's bank statement (with letterhead on top) each month (not just a computer printout), but

especially the statement covering December 2012 that has to go to the accountant for the 2012 taxes. Two chapters are still missing December bank statements.

Kay reminded all chapters to sign and return the by-laws and procedures receipt that has been handed out at the last three board of directors meetings. This must be signed and returned each year after chapter officer elections.

Robert Terrill brought up the fact that the version of the by-laws and procedures as posted on the state web site is an older version and does not include changes made during the last few years. Discussion. Randy and Alan will resolve this issue before the next board of directors meeting.

Checking: \$2,245.13 Pay Pal: \$235.63 Savings: \$6,975.17 Total: \$9,455.93

Fairgrounds for the swap meet is costing \$2,000. We have made a \$600 deposit, leaving about \$1,400 still due. All members need to advertise and get the word out about the swap meet. We need to make money at the swap meet to stay afloat.

Membership secretary {EB}:

Zipporah Nelson stated that we have 1,986 current members with 75 memberships expiring this month.

Sanctioning officer {EB}: Robert Terrill apologized for not being able to send out insurance certificates, but he has a log jam due to computer problems. This has not affected any events being held within the next thirty days. Now that the computer issue has been resolved, certificates should be out within a week.

- End of Summer Run may be changed to a poker run instead of an overnight event. Washington chapter will cover the full cost of the sanctioning fees.
- Beaver Creek Run may not take place, so the state will lose the money on that one.
- Chapters are asked to report at the end of each year what events they will hold the following year. The state has to pay the insurance premiums in advance for the events based on



acting state recording

the December list. If an event gets canceled or changed, the state has already paid and cannot get a refund.

- Robert will be reviewing the sanctioning guidelines once again. Any chapter can make suggestions for what they would like to see changed. Robert will review all suggestions and present a proposal to the board of directors accordingly.
- Robert prefers electronic copies of sanctioning forms and flyers. Currently, all forms are on the A.B.A.T.E. state web site and can be downloaded for use. They are in PDF format. Robert will check to see if there is a way to have the forms in a different format.
- U.S. mail can take up to two weeks to get to Robert. If you cannot send the forms and flyers electronically, e-mail Robert the date and check number. He will begin processing the event while he waits for the paperwork to arrive.

State auditor: < Vacant >

State newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

Need chapter reports by tomorrow. (March 10th) Rot Path threw out the idea for everyone to think about: if we are hurting for money, maybe we skip the newspaper for a month. No motions made on this.

Legislative director: Don Mason noted that it's a busy legislative time.

He felt lots of good vibes from everyone who attended the breakout session he was in charge of at S.T.E.A.M. Most members seem to be energized, asking lots of good questions and getting involved.

HB-2404 was the comprehensive helmet amendment bill (fully loaded with safety features and a sunset clause) in years to be presented to the house. Don and Paula met with the governor to discuss economic benefits to the state to get the existing helmet regulation revised but within minutes of going

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting - 09 March 2013 (continued)



into the meeting, the governor said it to chapters for cost of \$10 each. was not enough. As a medical doctor he could not sign this bill.

The next step was to meet with Tobias Reed. Even though HB-2404 might be dead, a path may have opened which will allow other bills we are watching to have a chance of passing. Some are in our favor and some are against us. BikePAC and A.B.A.T.E. will now turn their attention to working on these as well as lane sharing/splitting. There are currently seven bills that involve regulating ethanol.

BikePAC continues to work with the tourism lobby as well as the B.T.A. (Bicycle Transportation Alliance) because they are both very powerful and we need them on our side.

The state of Oregon has authorized 1,600 overtime hours to setup roadway departure prevention stations now through September. Remember, if you are stopped you have the right to have a copy of all data from the stop. You are entitled to a copy of the video if one is taken but you must request a copy within 72 hours of the stop. Also remember to fill out the stop report that is in the A.B.A. T.E. state newspaper and

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps stated that his report is in the March A.B.A.T.E. newspaper. He hopes everyone reads it.

Sergeant-at-arms (south):

< Vacant >

Sergeant-at-arms (east):

< Vacant >

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker noted that no t-shirt designs for the Fossil Campout have been submitted yet. Next board of directors meeting is the deadline for submitting any artwork you would like to have considered.

"Share the Road" lawn signs are available for sale. He is selling signs

Education director: Geoff White (Excused) He sent a big "thank you" to everyone who helped with S. T.E.A.M. After the seminar, everyone chipped in and helped clean up and pack up. It was the earliest he has ever left.

Public relations director: Bob 'One-eyed Bob" Nichols (Excused)

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long stated that the tickets are still not ready yet. He will have them at the swap meet or he will mail them to the chapters. He has lawn signs available advertising Fossil and a few large magnetic signs that could be put on the sides of pickups. There are flyers and cards available on the table to take and distribute.

He is looking into inviting the Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt and Drill Team to perform at Fossil to improve attendance. The city of Fossil would possibly share the cost.

The firewood vending spot is available to any chapter interested in selling wood. Please see Howie for details.

Swap meet coordinator: Randy Phipps stated that we are still accepting vendors. If you know of anyone, have them contact Randy.

Friday is vendor setup. A map of the venue was handed out.

Camping is available for vendors and staff only. No public camping. Historian: Jennifer Sterba

(Absent)

Web page editor: Carl Earl stated that the new state web site is up and running. Carl is looking for feedback and asking everyone to check it out and let him know what you think.

Every chapter needs to log on to the state web site to check that their chapter information is accurate.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba (Absent)

BikePAC representative:

Don Mason submitted *BikePAC*'s

financial report to A.B.A.T.E.

All other information was handled under legislative report.

Kay handed Don a check for \$5,000 for the 2013 donation to BikePAC. Washington County Chapter donated an additional \$76 to BikePAC.

M.R.F. representative:

Allan Nichols stated that bills in the house that are being watched to limit ethanol up to 10% until more research can be done. They don't want stations that are currently selling fuel with less than 10% to make it the full 10%, but leave it at whatever level they are selling now.

Arizona was working on an antiprofiling bill, but it got stalled.

California is working on defining their lane splitting rules.

Alan encouraged all members and all chapters to become members of

Confederation of Clubs representative: David Hickerson noted that following May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem, there will be an open house at the Road Brothers' club house.

One of the hot topics to be discussed at the *N.C.O.M.* convention: profiling.

Spanky (who was not at the board of directors meeting) sent word that hotel rooms and possibly the banquet dinners would be covered by Sam Hochberg, saving A.B.A.T.E. some money. The only cost to A.B.A.T.E. for Spanky and David to attend the N.C.O.M. convention would be fuel expenses.

Unfinished Business

• Discussion about creating a new group membership category has been tabled again until there is a membership committee meeting.

• Vacant officer positions:

- State auditor
- Vice-coordinator (east)
- Sergeant-at-arms (east)
- Sergeant-at-arms (south) (No nominations)

New Business

• Motion 1 – Paul Hering (Washington County) moved and Brian Stovall (River City) seconded:

"A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon to send Allen Nichols to Best of the West conference June 8 – 9 in Billings, Montana. A.B.A.T.E. to reimburse expenses up to \$250 with copies of receipts."

It was moved by Don Mason (Hub City) and seconded by Brian Stovall (River City) to amend motion 1 to also send Paula Leslie to Best of the West conference with costs not to exceed \$700 with copies of receipts.

Discussion: We were reminded that last month Al Simms was approved to attend this conference and that we decided to only pay the expenses of two people attending conferences. However, the discussion was that

- 1. Al only asked to be reimbursed for the conference fee of \$60 and not traveling expenses.
- 2. It would be a good learning experience for Paula.

Motion passed 6-3.

• Motion 2 – Was covered by above amendment and therefore dropped.

Announcements

- First time visitor Bruce Mazell (Salem Chapter) said he was very impressed with how smooth and organized the board of directors meeting went. He talked to members of H.O.G. in Salem and they would be willing to have speakers from A.B.A.T.E. attend their meeting to bring them up to speed on legislative issues we are working on. Don and Paula will get information and discuss this with him.
- Chili Buns Run has been a H.O.G. event, but they can't do it anymore. They don't want to let it die. Would any A.B.A. T.E. chapter be interested in taking it over? Don mentioned that Hub City Chapter might be interested and would discuss it more after the meeting.
- Next state board of directors meeting will be April 13, 2013 at Ciddici's Pizza in Albany, Oregon.

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BikePAC March Legislative Report

by Paula Leslie

Lane-Splitting House bill - 3310

Allows operators of motorcycles and mopeds to pass vehicles in same lane when traffic is stopped. Allows operators of motorcycles and mopeds to travel between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles when traffic is stopped.

Sponsored by representatives Clem, Freeman. (At the request of Joel Fischer.) BikePAC in favor, but on the fence about traffic speed requirement.

Senate bill - 541

Allows operators of motorcycles and mopeds to pass vehicles in same lane during traffic jams or slowdowns. Allows operators of motorcycles and mopeds to travel between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles during traffic jams or slowdowns.

- 1. Traffic is stopped or has slowed to a speed of less than 10 miles per hour.
- 2. The motorcycle operator or moped operator is traveling at a speed of twenty miles per hour or less.

Sponsored by senator George. BikePAC in favor.

Helmets

SB-678

Extends exclusive remedy protections of workers' compensation stat-utes to partners, limited liability company partners, general partners limited liability partners and limited partners.

Requires person of any age to wear helmet when using bicycle, skateboard, scooter, in-line skates, or roller skates when participating in organized exhibition, competition, or contest.

SB-742

Requires person under 18 years of age to wear protective headgear while operating or riding on bicycle, riding on skateboard, scooter, using in-line skates, or roller skates on public or private land.

SB-756

Allows department of transporta-tion to accept donations to state parks and recreation department fund for purpose of improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Bio fuels Senate bill - 213

Temporarily suspends minimum ethanol content requirement for gasoline. Makes requirement suspension subject to Environmental Quality Commission rules adopted for purposes of compliance with federal regulation or federally required implementation plan. Sponsored by senator Thomsen, senator Olsen.

BikePAC in support.

House bill - 2276

Increases fuel tax and motor carrier taxes. Schedules future increases of fuel tax every five years.

BikePAC opposes.

House bill - 2237

Repeals sunset on provisions related to low carbon fuel standards. Allows environmental quality commission to require registration related to low carbon fuel standards and to establish schedule of fees for registration. Continuously appropriates moneys to department of environmental quality. Specifies uses of moneys. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BikePAC opposes.

House joint resolution – 9

To allow revenue from taxes on motor vehicle fuel and ownership, operation, or use of motor vehicles to be used for transportation projects that will prevent or reduce pollution and congestion created by use of motor vehicles. Revenue from the following shall be used exclusively for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and use of public highways, roads, streets and roadside rest areas in this state.

Introduced and printed pursuant to house rule 12.00.

House bill - 2940

Conditionally suspends prohibi-tion against retail customer dispensing of motor vehicle fuel if state of emergency

requiring mandatory evacuation is declared.

Licensing, **Awareness** House bill 3107

Removes requirement for state department of agriculture to monitor ethanol production and issue notice when ethanol production reaches specified level.

Removes requirement that retail dealer, nonretail dealer, or wholesale dealer of gasoline sell only gasoline blended with specified percentage of ethanol.

Sponsored by representatives Whisnant, Esquivel, Parrish.

BikePAC in favor.

Senate bill - 380

Allows owner of motorcycle to use special registration plates.

Sponsored by senator Bates.

Lights House bill – 3303

Authorizes amber warning lights for vehicles engaged in certain activities.

Sponsored by representative Barnhart. (At the request of Adam Grunseth.)

BikePAC opposes.

Senate bill - 527

Requires use of headlights when windshield wipers are on.

Punishes offense by maximum fine of \$250.

Sponsored by senators Steiner Hayward, Burdick, Kruse.

BikePAC opposes.

Off-Road Vehicles House bill - 2974

Permits person to register motorcycle originally manufactured for off-road use if person submits certificate of approval issued by licensed off-road motorcycle mech-anic.

Sponsored by representative Cameron. (At the request of Mike Holbrook.)



Legislators I've Met With

/ lane sharing / helmet / ethanol $(BikePAC / Y / Y / N^*)$

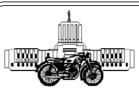
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Kitzhaber's staff / ? / N / Y*

Quiet Mike met with Ben Unger. Changed from being opposed to being a supporter for repeal. (/?/Y/?)

Also, on a side note, Quiet Mike has provided me with much of the information, shared in these meetings. He's been a priceless resource of information.

* Refers to a request for more information, or reserves a space for being persuaded to vote differently, for various reasons, or follow up for clarification.



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

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(please circle desired type of membership below)

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Corporate Sponsor \$150 Supporting \$300 Platinum \$750 MAB* \$1000

Group or Club General \$75 Supporting \$150 MAB* \$300

*Member of the Advisory Board

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

fund supporting motorcycle-friendly candidates

of my contribution into a dedicated (Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

Name
Address
City ST ZIP
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I am in state senate district
I am in state representative district

BikePAC of Oregon - A Political Action Committee

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf

BikePAC of Oregon promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy

From yer ... crusty ol' editor ... yet again

Time For A Change . . . Again

April sighs

BikePAC Report – July 2003: "HB–2432 adult helmet use . . . bill never got a vote."

Legislative Report – July 2005
"... bills have all died in their respective committees."

Oregon BikePAC report June 2007

"SB-356 and HB-2399 . . . are essentially **dead in committee**."

BikePAC representative July 2009

"... the helmet modification bill. It never left committee."

Coordinator's Comments May 2011

"HB-3141 died in committee."

Legislative Report – April 2013 "The governor said . . . as a medical doctor he could not sign this bill. HB-2404 . . . dead."

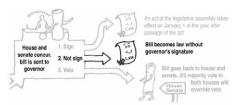
For over ten years Oregon motorcyclists have been jumping through other people's political hoops in order to restore a degree of sanity and safety to how motorcycles are ridden in Oregon. We have been actively engaged with educating drivers and riders about how to use our roadways without causing harm to themselves or others. We continually attempt to keep legislators informed and educated about motorcycling issues, yet there are some who absolutely refuse to listen or consider anything we have

to say. A small number of elected officials sit back proposing feel-good legislation that does little to improve motorcycling safety (often endangering riders with unintended consequences) while blocking our own attempts to use the democratic process for legislation we know is of importance to rider well-being.

The Oregon governor is purported to claim that he cannot in good conscience sign a bill that allows adult motorcycle riders to choose whether to use a helmet or not if it leads to a single death.

Fine.

Don't sign the bill if you are unable to separate your personal and professional feelings from your responsibilities as an elected official, governor. The bill will still go into effect as a regulation change without you compromising your ideals.



But stop using your position to unduly influence how bills are handled in committees. Let representative democracy run its course, despite any personal misgivings you may have. You are not a god or dictator, and you don't always know best.

A.B.A.T.E. Rabbit Hole

Where have we gone?

In researching a recent history of Oregon helmet bill activity, it must be noted that there is a marked fall off of written legislative information reporting and sharing in our state newspaper when we have active bills being processed at the state capitol.

It's not enough to just post items on the internet, thinking that will be enough to get people involved.

Guess what?

Not everyone has internet or computer savvy. Even of those who do, they don't spend every waking moment on specific web sites waiting for updates.

How can it be a surprise that more motorcyclists are not involved in the legislative process when they aren't kept informed about what is going on?

We used to have regular legislative and *BikePAC* articles in the *A.B.A.T.E.* state newspaper when we had bills before the legislature. They explained what was going on so that more people understood what was needed and what they could do to help.

Ironically, as the electronic information age has expanded, the historical records of events seems to be shrinking.

Increasingly readers are referred to web sites or information packets instead of providing the information in state board minutes.

The result is a loss of background on how we got to where we are today. We end up having to start over relearning our legislative process each session instead of being ahead of all the little capitol political games thwarting our



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

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(big enough to be seen from space)

c.o.e.'s web site (such as it is)

http://www. otoolevideomagic/ RotPath/

efforts.

While handling the events of our now, we must be sure to record the lessons we have learned so that future motorcyclists can benefit from our experiences.



There is a heavy sweet scent in the air this mid-March morning. It is cottonwoods budding their leaves, trees hand-planted by yer crusty ol' editor's family back when he was a mere young sapling, losing his bright rubber boots in the sticky spring mud.

By now spring is in full force, trees leafed out, flowers blooming, the land often covered in Kelly green of new grasses, all of it powered by our Cascadia rains.

This is a time of year when the weather can be variable, so be ready to layer and unlayer yer fine self when out riding around the waking countryside. Be ready for rubber-necking cage drivers admiring the sights on nice days, slowing suddenly as something pretty dodges into view between the posts of their enclosure. They don't realize how much more immersed we riders are in the sights, smells, and beauty of spring days.

Pity them, for they ride not.

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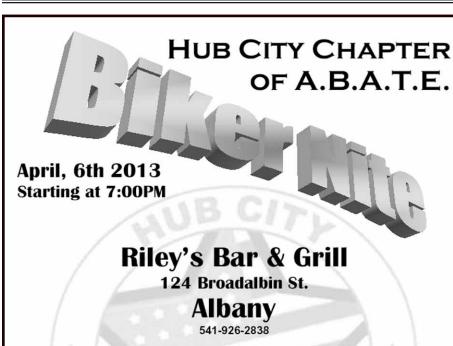
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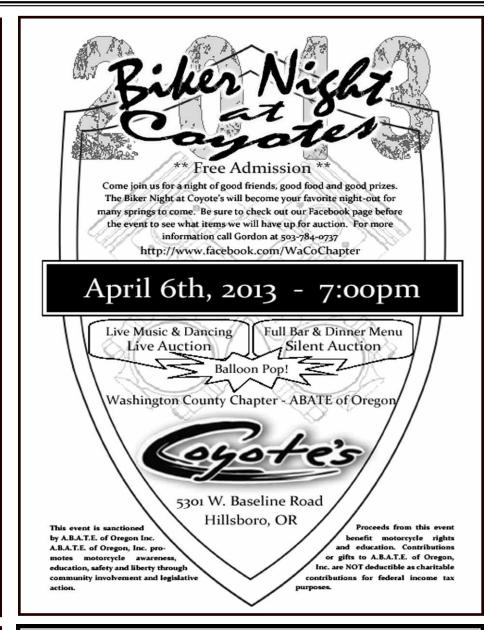
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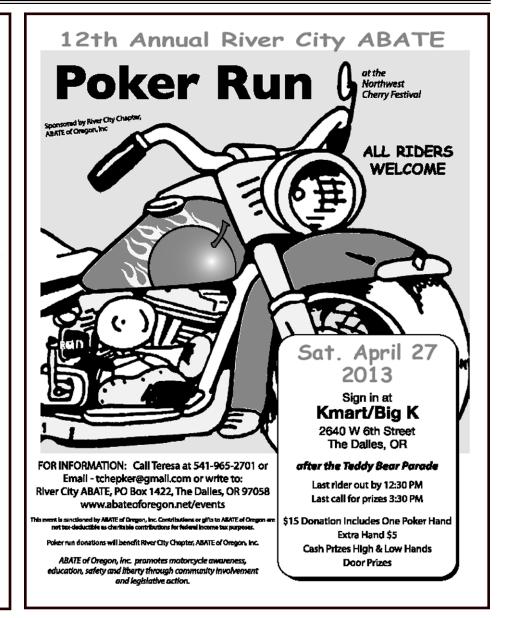
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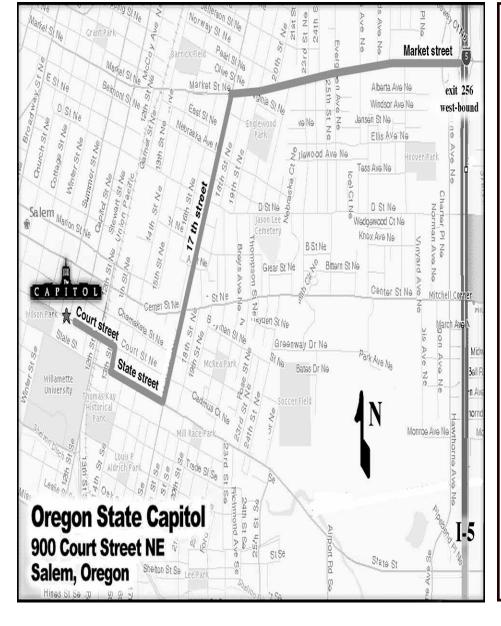
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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Similar rallies will take place in Grants Pass and in Salem. Lives can be saved by becoming more aware of all vehicles on the road. "Look twice, save a life." Come out and learn more about motorcycle safety, motorcycle legislative issues, and what is happening in Salem. Help us tell Salem what we are concerned about.

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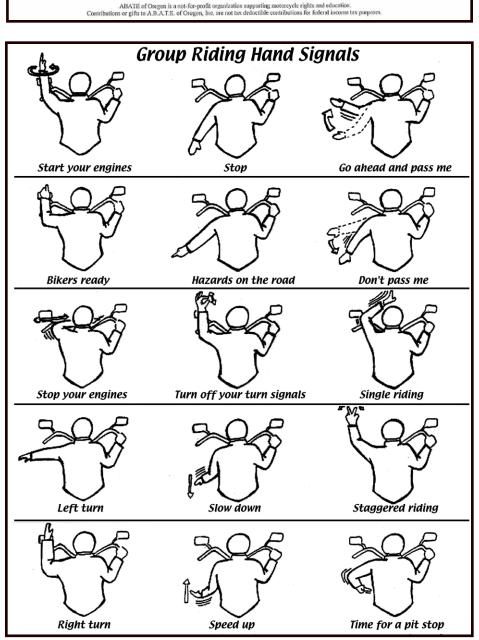
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American Motorcyclist Association

California Withdraws Restrictive Lane-Splitting Bill

Pickerington, Ohio -- The sponsor of a California senate bill that would have restricted the current practice of lane-splitting by motorcyclists will withdraw the bill from consideration, the *American Motorcyclist Association* reports.

Lane-splitting by motorcyclists in California is recognized by the California highway patrol and helps ease traffic flow.

An aide to state senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose), who sponsored SB–350, confirmed in an e-mail to the *A.M.A.* that the bill would be withdrawn, pending the results of a *University of California-Berkeley* safety study expected later this year. The bill, introduced February 20, would have allowed lane-splitting only in certain instances:

- On divided highways with three or more lanes of travel in the same direction.
 - Only when traffic is congested.

• Only at "a safe" speed.

Nick Haris, *A.M.A.* western states representative, noted that lane-splitting has been an accepted custom and necessary strategy to ease traffic congestion in California for years. He noted that Beall's bill proposed a sudden and significant shift in traffic management strategies in the state with respect to motorcycles, which could have had a serious impact on traffic flow.

"We are pleased that senator Beall's office is withdrawing the bill, but we remain watchful of any legislative action on lane-splitting that could penalize motorcyclists," Haris said. "Lane-splitting has been done safely in California for decades, so there is really no need to impose new restrictions, especially given the guidelines just released by the California highway patrol that make no mention of a three-lane minimum."

According to the California highway patrol, lane-splitting occurs when a

motorcyclist rides between lanes of stopped or slower-moving traffic or moves between lanes to the front of stopped traffic. The convention is recognized as a benefit to urban traffic flow because it allows motorcycles to make maximum use of roadways when traffic is stopped or significantly slowed. The controlled flow of motorcyclists through stopped traffic also permits more space for other road users.

"Lane-splitting by motorcyclists, when done correctly, helps improve traffic flow for everyone on the road," Haris said. "That helps everybody save time, gas, and hassles, and promotes safer roads by mitigating traffic backups. It's important that we work to preserve lane-splitting for the benefit of everyone on the road."

More E15 Study Needed

The American Motorcyclist Association expressed concern to a U.S. house subcommittee about possible damage

to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available.

In testimony to the house subcommittee on the environment during a hearing on *Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs* on February 26, Wayne Allard, *A.M.A.* vice president for government relations, said that motorcycles and A.T.V.s should be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15 on engines to ensure that the new fuel blend won't damage those engines.

He also cautioned that E15 could lower fuel efficiency and possibly cause premature engine failure for motorcycles and A.T.V.s.

E15 is a new fuel blend of 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline that the *E.P.A.* has approved for use in 2001-and-newer passenger vehicles. The blend isn't approved for use in motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, boats, lawn mowers, and other engines, and may even damage them and void warranties.

E10, which is commonly found at gas stations, contains 10 percent ethanol.

E0 fuel has no ethanol.

Ethanol is grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanolgasoline blend motor fuel.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

House Subcommittee Hearing On Mid Level Ethanol Blends

On Tuesday, February 26th, the United States house of representatives committee on science, subcommittee on environment held a hearing entitled Mid Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs. The hearing panel consisted of three witnesses: the American Automobile Association (A.A.A.), the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), and the Coordinating Research Council. (C.R.G.)

Vice chairman Chris Stewart (R-UT) chaired the hearing.

Vice chairman Stewart had this to say, "Unfortunately, the more E15 is studied, the more concerns are identified. Besides potential widespread impacts on vehicle engines, the E.P.A. has led a haphazard transition to E-15 usage marked by regulatory confusion, bungled implementation, and a lack of consumer education."

The hearing covered a lot of ground but all panelists endorsed one common theme: the need for more research when it comes to using E-15 as a common fuel. E-15 is fuel that has 85% fossil fuel and 15% ethanol or distilled corn fuel.

The Clean Air Act (C.A.A.) allows for up to a 10% blend of ethanol.

In 2010 the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) issued a waiver of the C.A.A. allowing for up to a 15% blend of fuel in model years 2001 and newer. The E.P.A. did this after the Department of Energy (D.O.E.) did a study and found the blend to be acceptable . . . sort of.

The study did not do any testing on a power train or the fuel delivery systems. The only aspect that was tested was the emissions control system, which is troubling to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Ethanol was first introduced to the marketplace in the early 1990's. It was found that the higher oxygen content was able to help bring down carbon monoxide in the tailpipe exhaust of carburetor fed internal combustion engines and therefore, the reduction of smog. Today's modern fuel injected engines can self adjust using oxygen sensors, basically eliminating the need for ethanol.

One witness went into detail about how ethanol is detrimental to engines both large and small. One witness went so far to say that 95% of all vehicles on the road should not use E-15. Two passenger vehicle manufactures have retooled the power train of their vehicles to work well with E-15, the rest have not.

A.A.A. said that there are 169,000 gas stations in the U.S. and just around 20,000 are selling E-15. They went on to emphasize that this is why we need more research now before it's a more wide spread problem.

All three witnesses also agreed that the environmental impact and cost savings are a wash when it comes to using E-15. The biggest problem with E-15 is the fact that it can harm the engine and the negative side effect of lowering the miles per

gallon.

Draft legislation was also unveiled at the hearing, authored by long time motorcycle defender and a M.R.F. champion, Mr. James Sensenbrenner. (R-WI) The Sensenbrenner bill would halt the use of E-15 until proper, real world testing is conducted on the effects of E-15 on cars, pickups, and motorcycles.

Another issue that was revealed in the hearing was the fact that no one seems to want to take responsibility for any damage done by E-15. Most auto and motorcycle manufactures will not honor warranties when the engine is damaged by E-15 and the fuel providers, who were not at the hearing, do not seem to be standing behind their product.

In June 2011, representative Jim Sensenbrenner sent letters to fourteen automobile manufacturers inquiring as to the relationship between vehicle damage resulting from the use of E-15 and vehicle warranties. All fourteen companies responded with letters outlining their concerns with E-15 use and affirmed the potential for E-15 to negatively impact their vehicles and cause engine damage. Furthermore, the manufacturers indicated that their vehicle fleets were not designed to operate on E-15, and stated that the warranties would not cover damage resulting from E-15.

This is not the first time this country has dealt with a change in the fuel supply. When this country

switched from leaded to unleaded fuel we had a similar fuel-mislabeling problem. That was fixed when gas stations and auto manufactures agreed to change the filler tube on the vehicle to a different size. This made it nearly impossible to fill a car not designed for leaded gas. No one is suggesting that type of a fix this time around.

One of the witnesses was asked how other countries, such as Brazil have been able to fuel the countries cars with blends up to 50% ethanol. The answer was shocking. He said that the higher blend essentially "ate the cars apart" and left Brazil unable to import cars. They had to completely redesign the power train and now Brazilians can basically only buy Brazilian-made cars. He also added that it would take a decade for the U.S. to completely turn over the entire nation's fleet of cars to work perfectly with E-15.

U.S. Senator Lautenberg **Retiring**

Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) has announced he will not seek reelection next year. Lautenberg has served five six-year terms in the U.S. senate and at the age of 89 is the oldest member in the senate.

Lautenberg has been a thorn in the side of motorcyclists for decades. He has been the chief champion of mandatory helmet regulations serving in government today.

In 2005 he introduced an amendment that would have put mandatory helmet requirement in place for the entire country, trampling on the states rights. Due solely to the work of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and its members that amendment was defeated 68-29.

nutenberg said; "While I may not eeking re-election, there is plenty of k to do before the end of this term, I'm going to keep fighting as hard ver for the people of New Jersey in U.S. senate".

This is not the end of anything, rather the beginning of a twomission to pass new gun safety

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regulations, protect children from toxic chemicals, and create more opportunities for working families in New Jersey."

Politicians are much like the end of March in the midwest, as the old saying goes, "it can go out like a lamb or out like a lion". Many politicians spend their final days helping staff find new jobs, raising money to pay down any campaign debt they may have, or simply just walking away. Others use their time to fight any last political fights or take on controversial issues that may have otherwise cost them tremendous political capital.

"While motorcycle helmet [regulations] are not on his laundry list, we would be naive to not remain vigilant with Lautenberg to insure that the freedoms of the American motorcyclists are kept in place," said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations and public affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The M.R.F. is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The M.R.F. provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The M.R.F. Reports.

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S.T.E.A.M. 2013



This year S.T.E.A.M. was held at a location new to many attendees, Linn-Benton Community College south of Albany on highway 99-E. The facilities, staff, and food were great. And holding the event near Albany shaved an hour off many attendees' drive/ride time.



Oregon house district 15 representative, Andy Olson, was our guest speaker this year. He has introduced and pushed our helmet reform measure the last two full legislative sessions.



S.T.E.A.M. 2013 organizer, Geoff White (state education coordinator)

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

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Upcoming Events

- 09-10 March Don reminded everyone of the bike and car show in Roseburg this weekend.
- 10 March Kay mentioned that Coyote's Grill and Bar is having a bike and car show.
- 16 March Southeast Portland Chapter anniversary party.
- 23-24 March Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Spring All Motorcycle Swap Meet, Columbia county fairgrounds, St. Helens, Oregon.
- 06 April Washington County biker night.
- swap meet and bike I show.

- 04 May May Motorcycle Awareness 28-29 September 2013 Oregon Rally in Salem at the state capitol.
- 04 May May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Grants Pass, Josephine county courthouse.
- 09–11 May *N.C.O.M.* convention in Reno, Nevada.
- 24-27 May 2013 Fossil Campout at Bear Hollow.
- A.B.A.T.E. Fall All Motorcycle Swap Meet, Columbia county fairgrounds, St. Helens, Oregon.

Clip This Corner, **Avoid A Helmet Ticket**

VS. LERON R. HOWLAND, Oregon State Police, and John Doe 1 through 100.

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April Cryptogram Answer

Chapter There is no glory in star or blossom 'Till looked upon by a loving eye, 27–28 April – There is no fragrance in April breezes Southern Oregon | 'Till breathed with joy as they wander by.

-- William C. Bryant |

N.C.O.M. COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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Congress To Consider Barring E15 Ethanol Gas

Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. senate to overturn *E.P.A*. approval of the sale of E15 gasoline.

Calling the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency*'s actions to allow the 15% ethanol blend "irresponsible" and "unfair to consumers," U.S. senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and senator David Vitter (R-LA) filed a bill on Valentine's Day, February 14th, that would reverse *E.P.A.* waivers allowing E15 to be sold to the public for use in most modern cars and light-duty pickups.

"Whether you drive a car, [pickup], boat, or tractor, misfueling with E15 could result in engine failure, increased emissions, and the voiding of warranty coverage," Vitter said in announcing SB-344.

"E.P.A.'s flawed waivers allowing E15 amount to government bureaucrats issuing short-sighted regulations that negatively impact families and businesses across the country," added Wicker, a member of the senate environment and public works committee.

No motorcycles or A.T.V.s are approved to use E15, and manufacturers warn that its use could damage engines and void warranties.

In related news, in an effort to prevent consumers from inadvertently misfueling nonapproved vehicles with E15,

Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS John Jelderks United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by Spencer M. Neal of Attorneys for Plaintiff the *E.P.A.* has announced a new requirement for gas stations that sell E15 to provide a separate E10/E0 pump. Retailers would be required to have a label on pumps that dispense multiple fuel blends of E15-and-higher that reads: "Passenger Vehicles Only. Use in Other Vehicles, Engines and Equipment May Violate Federal Law," and to post signs that indicate the location of the dedicated E10-or-lower fuel pump.

M.I.C. Opposes Minimum Noise Levels For Electric Motorcycles

The *Motorcycle Industry Council* announced its opposition to a proposed rule by the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.*) that would require electric motorcycles to emit a minimum sound to protect pedestrians.

The *M.I.C.* recently submitted comments opposing *N.H.T.S.A.*'s published notice of proposed rule making for F.M.V.S.S. number 141, *Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles*, which would set minimum sound requirements for hybrid and electric vehicles, including but not limited to, motorcycles.

Pursuant to the *Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act* in 2010, F.M.V.S.S. number 141 is designed to ensure that blind, visually impaired, or other pedestrians are able to detect nearby hybrid and electric vehicles in a range of ambient environments.

In the *M.I.C.*'s comments, the motorcycle industry group argued that because of the unique attributes of motorcycles, *N.H.T.S.A.* should not need to require a minimum sound for them. The *M.I.C.* says that motorcycle riders are better able to see and avoid pedestrians because their sight is unobstructed, and motorcyclists are more alert because of their vulnerability. The *M.I.C.*

also stated that electric motorcycles are not quiet, so they shouldn't need to be subject to minimum sound requirements.

The *M.I.C.* stated further that adding a speaker system to electric motorcycles to emit sounds would be an issue because motorcycles have less space to add such a system, the weight of the system would have a large effect on the motorcycle's low-speed stability, energy consumption of the speaker system would have a greater impact on a motorcycle's range, and the price of installing the system would be higher than with automobiles.

N.H.T.S.A. sought comments on minimum sound requirements through March 15. Details may be found at:

http://www.federalregister.gov

Bikers Push For Anti-Profiling Bill In Arizona

A hearing room filled with patchwearing motorcycle club members broke out in cheers on February 6 as an Arizona senate public safety committee voted to approve a bill requiring police to take training highlighting a ban on profiling of motorcyclists by enforcement

Senator Judy Burges (R-Sun City) sponsored the anti-profiling bill to address complaints from motorcycle club members who say they're frequently stopped by police for no legitimate reason.

The bill would require the *Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training* board (known as *AzP.O.S.T.*) to include courses emphasizing the prohibition against stopping a biker for riding or wearing club colors, or questioning or searching them based only on those factors.

Rick Rodriguez of Glendale, a member of the *A.L.M.A. Motorcycle Club*, said that harassment of patchwearing bikers by police is rampant.

"It's not illegal to be an Elk, it's not illegal to be an Eagle, it's not illegal to be a Shriner, a Knight of Columbus," he told the Associated Press. "We wear collective marks, we ride motorcycles, that's what we like to do. I understand the average Joe citizen doesn't feel our plight. But when they get done with bikers, who are they going to pick on next?"

Although the measure passed 4-0, with three democratic members absent, committee chairman senator Chester Crandell cautioned the jubilant crowd that the bill still has a long way to go before it comes into effect and needs major changes.

Texas Bikers Lobby For Crash Prevention Act

Suits and leather jackets rubbed shoulders in the capitol's corridors in Austin, Texas on Monday, January 28, as the two disparate groups shared a concern over education funding. While the state's universities lobbied legislators over the general appropriations bill's impact on higher education, motorcycle associations are concerned that funds allocated last session to the Texas department of public safety are not being used effectively to support road safety, and thereby costing taxpayers.

More money is needed for motorcycle training and to educate the public about sharing the road with riders, said Terri Williams, a spokesperson for the *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (T.M.R.A.2)* and on behalf of the Texas *Confederation of Clubs* and independents. Texas "Share the Road" campaign isn't long enough, only lasting the month of May, while states with yearlong programs have fewer crashes, which saves taxpayers money.

The motorcycle groups are asking state legislators to pass the *Motorcycle Crash Prevention Act*, a new bill aimed at lowering the number of

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N.C.O.M. NEWS (continued)

motorcycle crashes across Texas by providing additional funding to expand Texas' "Share the Road" program, a public service campaign intended to make drivers more aware of motorcycles on the road. If the proposed bill becomes a regulation, it would also fund more training for riders.

Ohio Modifies Handlebar Height Regulation

Ohio has modified its handlebar height regulation using language amended into SB-114 to change the limit from 15 inches above the lowest point of the saddle to no higher than shoulder height of the operator when seated in the operator's seat or saddle.

The bill also changes the definition of a motorcycle by creating a "cabenclosed motorcycle" classification for two- or three-wheeled vehicles having an occupant compartment top that is either permanent or removable. The bill was signed into effect by governor John Kasich on December 19, 2012. Changes took effect March 19, 2013.

California Officials Unveil **Lane-Sharing Rules**

87% of California motorcycle riders reportedly slide between cars on crowded roadways - while only half of car drivers know it's legal and 7% admit they've tried to block them - which is why the California Highway Patrol is now providing guidance to safely maneuver the white lines.

California is the only state in the country where so-called "lanesplitting" or "lane-sharing" isn't illegal, but state authorities have never, until now, told motorcyclists how to weave between traffic safely.

C.H.P. posted the new rules on their web site after consulting with other state agencies and motorcyclerider groups as part of the California motorcyclist safety program which trains new riders in the state. The rules apply to city streets, highways, and freeways across the Golden State.

"Basically, what we're most interested in is the speeds," said sergeant. Mark Pope, statewide motorcycle safety coordinator for the C.H.P. "You should lane-split no faster than ten miles per hour over the speed of traffic around you, and we recommend riders Japan Automobile Manufacturers not split at all if the traffic is faster than thirty m.p.h."

C.H.P. officers have always had the legal authority to ticket motorcyclists who were driving dangerously fast, Pope said, but the new rules are designed to provide specifics.

The new written guidelines, which carry no legal weight, can be found

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New Motorcycle Sales Rev Up

Motorcycle sales in the United States revved up in 2012, rising a healthy 2.6% over 2011, according to a report released by the Motorcycle Industry Council.

Better yet, the trade group said, retail activity was up in all four motorcycle "segments" (the first time that has happened since 2002) with increases in scooter, dual-purpose, off-road, and on-highway motorcycle

Scooter sales rose the most, at 7.7%, with dual-purpose motorcycles following closely at 7.4%. Sales of dirt bikes rose 2.1%, while those of on-highway bikes, which make up by far the largest segment in terms of overall numbers, went up the least, at 1.8%.

The numbers were in line with expectations, as the M.I.C. reported in December that for the first time since the market softened in 2006 and then crashed in 2008, it anticipated reporting an increase in sales figures.

Just over 1.1 million motorcycles were sold in 2006, and fewer than half that many in 2011 with 452,386 total new units sold in the U.S.

Japanese Motorcycle Exports To U.S. Flatten Following Dramatic Rise

Japanese manufacturers in 2012 exported 166,601 motorcycles to the United States, an increase of 1% compared to 2011, following a dramatic 87% increase in 2011 after the O.E.M.s exported only 88,074 motorcycles to the country in 2010.

These figures come courtesy of the searchable database of the Association. (J.A.M.A.) They pertain to the big four: Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha.

J.A.M.A. reports that exports worldwide in 2012 decreased 5% to 479,163 after last year's upturn.

Used Bike Market Experiences Upturn

Used motorcycle sales have heated up, sparking optimism at dealerships where trade-ins have become more valuable.

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Used motorcycle prices have recovered meaningfully since 2008, rising to a level that supports a healthy demand for new bikes as well, according to a recent survey from Robert W. Baird & Co.

Used Harley prices were up 7% from a year ago and remain well above the low points found in the recession, said Baird analyst Craig Kennison who analyzed motorcycle sales data from the National Automobile Dealers Association. "If the demand for used motorcycles picks up, it usually suggests the demand for new bikes will go up as well," Kennison said.

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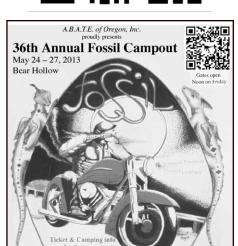
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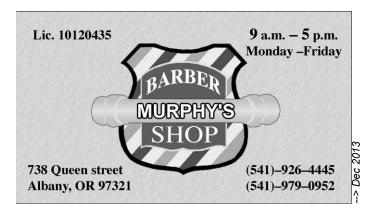




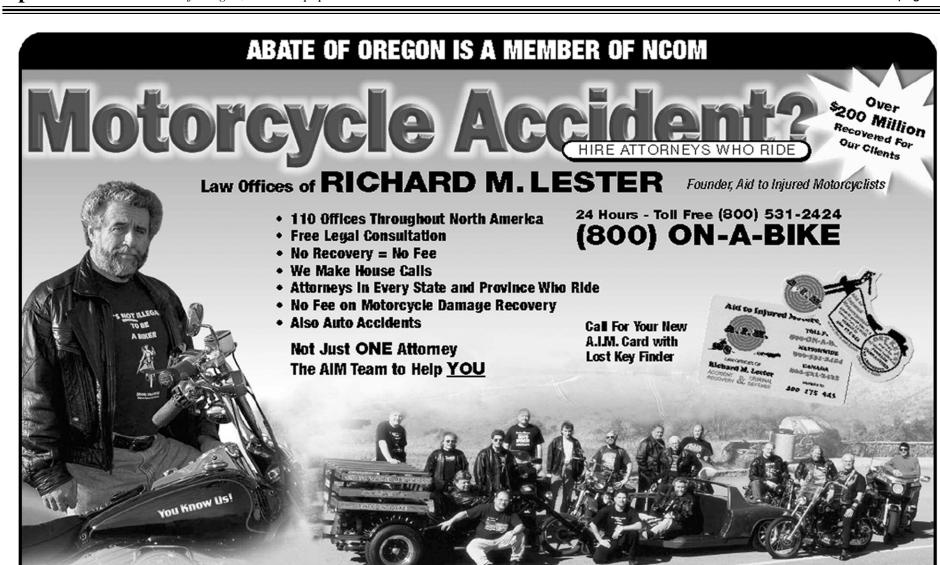
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	8	River City 1900 (7 pm) Salem 1900 (7 pm)	10 new moon	11	12	ABATE B.O.D. Ciddici's Pizza-Albany-noon 1100 (11 a.m.) Fossil committee Group membership committee Thomas Jefferson's birth day
Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm)	Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	16	17	18 1st quarter moon	19	20
Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	earth day (for those who've forgotten which planet they're on)	23 Jackson County – 1830 (6:30 pm) Lincoln County – 1900 (7 pm) North Coast – 1730 (5:30 pm) River City – 1900 (7 pm)	Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	wind moon Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	26	JackCo & JoCo Swap Meet Medford North Coast Spring Fever Hammond
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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 13 April 2013 1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue
Albany, Oregon
11 a.m.:
Fossil run meeting

Membership meeting

They come back from their war kinda broke, Little in common with other folk, Took a vow to defend, Now it's hard to unbend, Riding until they can again joke.

Central Oregon (CentOr)

Jackson County (JackCo)

Josephine County (JoCo)

Lincoln County (LinCo)

Lower Columbia (LoCo)

Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)

Washington County (WaCo)

Douglas County (DC)

Chapter:

Hub City (HC)

Indian Creek (IC)

North Coast (NC)

River City (RC)

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1st Tuesday

1st & 3rd Sun

2nd & 4th Mon

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12 Oct 2013

16 Nov 2013

1900 (7 p.m.)

1200 (noon)

2013 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

PR = Poker Run

BN = Biker Night

(503)-393-1404 (503)-665-2626

(503)-640-7225

(boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events

date: event / chapter or sponsor: location: contact number: 06 Apr 2013 Biker night / WaCo Hillsboro 27–28 Apr 2013 Southern Oregon Swap / Jack&JoCo Medford 27 Apr 2013 **Spring Fever Run / North Coast** Hammond 04 May 2013 May Motorcycle Awareness Rallies Salem, statewide 09–12 May 2013 *N.C.O.M.* convention Reno, Nevada 24-27 May 2013 Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE Fossil, Oregon (503)-791-2862 09 Jun 2013 Roll-N-Ride / WaCo 20 Jul 2013 Mid Summer Run / WaCo 06-08 Sep 2013 End of Summer Run / WaCo 28-29 Sept 2013 Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE **St. Helens fairgrounds** (503)–347–0524 19-20Oct 2013 Planning Session / ABATE & BikePAC **Cottage Grove**

CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. >> Location << Day: Time: Phone: 2nd Sunday 1400 (2 p.m.) Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond (541)-504-1678 3rd Thursday 1900 (7 p.m.) Elmer's Restaurant; 1440 NW Mulholland drive; Roseburg (541)-673-0021 3rd Thursday 1900 (7 p.m.) (541)-928-2536 Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany 6th Friday 2359 (11:59 pm) (anywhere we feel like it) 3rd Tuesday 1830 (6:30 p.m.) American Legion; Jackson & Front streets; Medford (541)-3rd Wednesday 1830 (6:30 p.m.) Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass (541)-474-3553 (541)-265-9017 3rd Tues 1900 (7 p.m.) American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport 1st Sunday 1900 (7 p.m.) Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon (503)-728-4122 3rd Tuesday 1730 (5:30 p.m.) Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria (503)-325-0881 (541)-298-5502 1st & 3rd Tues 1900 (7 p.m.) Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles

Hitching Post; 8046 River road NE; Salem

1930 (7:30 p.m.) Coyote's Bar & Grill; 5301 W. Baseline; Hillsboro

M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham

Biker night / WaCo

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